INCOME-TAX REALISED FROM THE PANKAJAM MOTORS

*2327. [49] **Sri. M. Varki:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount of income-tax realised for the years 1121, 1122, 1123 and 1124 from the Pankajam Motors Ltd., having their headquarters at Alwaye?

The Hon'ble Sri. A. J. John: The information cannot be disclosed.

PANELI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME

*2328. [51] **Sri. M. Varki:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Land and Agriculture be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Paneli Lift Irrigation scheme in Kunnathunad Taluk has been investigated;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) above is in the affirmative, the total extent of land that can be irrigated under the scheme;

(*c*) the annual increased out-put of paddy anticipated;

(*d*) the total cost estimated;

(*e*) how does this Paneli scheme stand in comparison with other schemes in the Taluk regarding expenditure and increased out-put?

The Hon'ble Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 630 acres.

(*c*) 1,26,000 paras of paddy.

(*d*) Rs. 2,45,000 for line extension, cutting and forming contour channels cross drainage works and land compensation charges alone. The cost for pumps, their erection and maintenance would be in addition to above.

(*e*) The scheme is uneconomical.

CONCESSIONS TO CULTIVATORS

*2329. [54] **Sri. N. P. Varghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what concessions Government are giving to cultivators for producing more paddy;

(*b*) are Government aware that reduction in the purchase price of paddy produced by the cultivators has caused great anxiety among them; and

(*c*) are Government aware that the cost of production of one para of paddy in most of the northern Taluks of Travancore comes to Rs. 2—8—0?

The Hon'ble Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon:

(*a*) The following are among the chief concessions given to agriculturists:—

(1) Issue of manure at concessional rates and on crop loan basis.

(2) Payment of pumping subsidy in respect of punja cultivation.

(3) Issue of pumps on hire purchase system.

(4) Sale of agricultural implements at concessional rates as also improved varieties of seeds.

(*b*) No. In view of the fact that the Government have already explained in a press note that the reduction in the price of paddy is in accordance with the policy of the Government of India and also in view of the measures adopted by Government to encourage cultivation, it is hoped that the agriculturists will not have any anxiety.

(*c*) No. On an average the cost of production of a para of paddy comes to only Re. 1—10—1.

POLICE LOCK-UPS

*2330. [56] **Sri. N. P. Varghese:** Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state,—

(*a*) whether Government have any immediate plan for establishing Civil Jails at all Taluk headquarters to keep undertrial prisoners;

(*b*) are Government aware that most of the police lock-ups have no night latrine except a mud pot often leaky, kept in the lock-ups; and

(*c*) will Government be pleased to provide a sanitary latrine attached to the police lock-up at Muvattupuzha?

The Hon'ble Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai:

(*a*) There is a proposal to construct sub-jails at certain important centres where there are several courts to keep the under-trial prisoners, and thus to relieve congestion in the lock-ups.

(*b*) Leaky pots are not placed in the lock-ups.

(*c*) This will be considered.

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